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Microsoft is obviously guilty of breaking the law. As a de facto monopolist, they are not allowed to engage in such predatory practices.

The exclusionary contracts they struck with PC manufacturers have damaged many companies.

MS products are often designed to exclude the use of applications created by competitors, and MS knows that with their market dominance (to the point of monopoly position) will cause users to have to use MS applications in order to have access.

They often take advantage of recognized standards for interoperability and modify them so as to interoperate only with MS products, excluding any competitors. They realize that many of their customers are unaware of this interoperability problem, and will assume that it's the competitors' problem; their solution: just use MS products.

The proposed settlement, allowing MS to continue such anti-competitive methods while still maintaining their monopoly position provide no remedy at all. As a result, law-breaking is rewarded by acceptance of the status quo.

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